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PROSPECTUS

OF THE

QUEEN CHARLOTTE

Coal Mining Company

(LIMITED)

Capital, £30,000,

IN 15,000 SHARES OF £2 EACH.

Incorporated under the British Columbia

Joint Stock Companies Act, 1858, which

especially limits each Shareholder's liability to the amount of his shares.

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MINING SUPERINTENDENT—GEORGE ROBINSON, Esq.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of developing and improving the mineral extensive and valuable fields of Anthracite coal, lately discovered in Queen Charlotte Island.

At present this is the only mine of pure Anthracite coal known to exist in the Pacific and from the large amount of coal required to be shipped to San Francisco and other ports the discovery is one of great importance and value.

The Company have had reserved to them by the Government Twenty Thousand Acres for mining purposes, five thousand of which are secured by lease at the nominal rate of \$100 per annum, with the additional privilege of purchasing 1000 acres at \$1 per acre for the same.

The coal seems, from the reports, to be in thickness, are situated on the South of Graham Island, Queen Charlotte group, about 2000 rods from the shores of a fine Bay and about 400 feet above the level of the sea, the construction of an easy and inexpensive railway being the only means to get the coal to market.

John Bowes, the manager, and Charles Edward Richardson, an Hotel Keeper at the Royal Hotel, Esquimalt, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All parties indebted to the firm will call and settle, otherwise their account will be placed in the hands of a factor for collection.

W. P. SAYWARD, Esq.

Notice.

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

THOMAS ANTHONY and JAMES ANTHONY,

known under the name of ANTHONY BROTHERS,

has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

W. P. SAYWARD, Esq.

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THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

CHARLES EDWARD RICHARDSON,

and ROBERT BISHOP, Solicitor, Langley street.

REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE OF THE QUEEN

Charlotte Coal Mining Company, (Limited), has

been removed from Langley street to the City

Court Chambers, Broad street.

J. S. WILLIS, Secretary.

Dissolution of Partnership.

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To Advertisers & the Public.

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, the largest and most widely circulated journal in Her Majesty's Possessions on the face of the earth.

THE WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, published weekly, and containing the latest news from the colonies, at the residence of subscribers, ready for mailing, at 25 cents a week, payable to the carrier.

JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST PUBLISHING COMPANY having received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful books, with extensive original works, with numerous despatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper, should be sent to the office of **THE BRITISH COLONIST**, Fort Street, Victoria, V. I.; for Births and marriages, \$1 50; for deaths, \$1, with funeral notice \$1 50.

GOVERNOR KENNEDY AND THE ASSEMBLY.

It is not a very pleasant thing to be almost perpetually reading homilies to the Executive of Vancouver Island. We would much rather be its eulogist than its censor; but public interests demand that the Governor and his acts should be subjected to the most careful scrutiny, and that His Excellency should be told in unmistakable language when he departs from the well-defined region of a governor's power and a governor's duty. It is justice not only to the public but to the Governor himself; for more than one-half the blunders or meidods of rulers are due to the absence of honest censorship or straightforward advice. Invidious counsel and a servile deference to the opinions of those in power have oftentimes led to a ruler's destruction. The misfortune is that many men when elevated to position lose their balance, and fall into the dangerous vanity of fancying they have nothing to learn—or believing that they know everything, and that their actions are above human criticism. We hope Governor Kennedy will not prove a ruler of this description, but will weigh advice well, no matter from what quarter it may emanate.

On Friday last certain despatches in relation to the postal bill which was thrown out by the Lower House last session were read by the Speaker in the Assembly. These despatches consisted of letters from the Colonial Office in London to the Postmaster General's department, and replies to communications from Governor Kennedy. Strange to say, although we have Mr. Cardwell's reply to His Excellency, and letters from the Postmaster General's department to Mr. Cardwell, the source of all the correspondence—the despatch of the Governor—is wanting. Now, to keep so important a document as this out of the Speaker's hands is a breach of faith, if not indeed of courtesy, with the House of Assembly, and the more so as we perceive certain allusions made in the letter from the Postmaster General's department, reflecting on the character of the Lower House. After approving of the bill which was thrown out by the Assembly, the Postmaster General says: "As it [the bill] was rejected, and as the Governor states he has no reason to expect that the Assembly will take steps to remedy the evil, His Lordship does not see that he can offer any suggestions which will be of service to the Governor in this emergency." Now we would ask His Excellency calmly on what ground did he make so sweeping an assertion as to say he had no reason to expect the House to take steps to remedy the evils of our present postal system. All he could have said truly was that he had forwarded a cumbersome bill to the House and it was summarily rejected. But did that imply the fact that the Assembly would take no steps to remedy the existing evils? Surely no man of ordinary reasoning powers, and not carried away by personal antipathy, could put such a construction on the circumstance? The imprudence of the declaration, when we think of the Governor's position, is as much to be condemned as the feelings which prompted it. What makes the statement in the despatch even more unwarantable is the fact that after His Excellency has declared his opinion in such strong terms against the Assembly taking any steps to remedy the postal evils, he is at this present moment having a postal measure hurried through the Council in order to bring it again under the attention of the Assembly.

If the above style of official composition had only been indulged in for the first time we might make some allowance; but in a despatch forwarded some months previously to Mr. Cardwell in connection with the Crown lands, His Excellency takes the opportunity of informing the Secretary for the Colonies that he had no official in the Assembly to represent the real interests of the country, thereby implying that the House collectively or individually did not represent the people or promote the welfare of the inhabitants. Considering that most of the measures which the public interest demanded passed the Assembly, but were thrown out by His Excellency's official Council, the lamentations of Governor Kennedy at having no officials in the House must be taken rather ironically. Independent, however, of the question whether these declarations of His Excellency could be borne out by facts, there is, in their general tenor, a degree of discourtesy towards the House which we are only astonished has not met with a signal rebuke from the Colonial Office. We here only speak of the scraps of despatches which have accidentally as it were come to light—what may be the nature of the official communications which are so studiously kept out of the House of Assembly it would be difficult to say, but the presumption is that they are much worse than those which are allowed to meet the public eyes.

Now there is something exceedingly imprudent, to put the mildest construction upon it, in this all. No Governor can afford to disparage, either publicly or privately, the representatives of the people, and no small portion of Governor Kennedy's political difficulties leave testimony to this fact. If His Excellency wished to avoid a be of thorns, he will adopt a very different policy. He must know that he can never by such a course command either the respect or assistance of the Assembly, and he must know by the answer of the Postmaster General that without that assistance, even on postal reform, he is powerless. The fact is Governor Kennedy appears to have been led into some visionary idea of governing the country without the

aid of an Assembly or representative body at all, and his application to Mr. Cardwell on postal affairs looks as if he anticipated some Imperial interference, that would enable him to carry out a scheme in the Government of the country independent of the Lower House. To those who are acquainted with constitutional Government it may seem incredible that any Governor would attempt so quixotic and prolixous an undertaking; but if rumor be correct, His Excellency not only fancied the Colonial office had some power to usurp the functions of the Assembly here, but on very recent occasions held to the idea that the constitution could be suspended at any time by his commission or by Orders in Council, and that our representative institutions would have to give way to a Governor and official advisers. If such an extraordinary vision ever fitted before His Excellency's mind we would advise him to banish it for ever. We would advise him to look for no authority or financial matters in this colony beyond the Assembly, and to show that confidence in the House and in its actions that is demanded of an official in his position. It really is of no consequence to the House or to the people of Vancouver Island who is Governor, so long as the views of the inhabitants are carried out; a good Governor is at the best but a machine for administering the Government according to popular opinion; a bad or unwise Governor is a man who wants to carry on things according to his whim or caprice, and whose idea is to make the interest of the country subordinate to his policy. It rest with Governor Kennedy to say to whom place he is determined to go; whether he is going to take his £3000 salary quietly, and leave the people to work out what is constitutionally and equitably their own peculiar province of saying how much money shall be raised and in what manner it shall be spent; or whether he will allow himself to be carried away with the idea that he knows better than the people themselves their capacity and inclination.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Instalment for the Quarter commencing 21st January, 1866, is payable at the Treasury on Monday, 22nd January, 1866.

ALEXANDER WATSON, Treasurer.

Treasury, 20th January, 1866.

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AUCTION.

\$800 TO LOAN!

ON GOOD REAL ESTATE SECURITY, at 1% per cent. per annum. Enquire of ALFRED JEFFERY, 321m.

Rifle Volunteers Corps.

General Orders for the week ending Saturday, 27th January.

NO. 1 COMPANY on Monday at the Drill Hall at 8 p. m.

No. 2 Company on Tuesday at the Drill Hall at 8 p. m.

Recruit Drill—Friday at 8 p. m. at Drill Hall.

By order, J. GORDON VINTER, Lieut. and Adjutant.

Missionary Meeting!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, will be held in the

METHODIST CHURCH, PANDORA STREET, ON Monday, Jan. 22nd, at 7, P. M.

THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE NEEDHAM will preside, and the meetings will be addressed by General Clergy and others. Preparatory Services will be preached on Sabbath, 1st instant, at 11 a. m. by the REV. E. ROBSON, of New Westminster, B. C.

A COLLECTION will be made at each service in aid of the Society's Fund.

January 12th, 1866.

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E Pluribus Unum.

Many Loaves in One!

THE MOTTO OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES. An excellent motto it is, and has been the chief incentive in attracting population from all the nations of the world.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Many Loaves in One.

AND THREE FOR A QUARTER!

is the motto at my establishment, and remember the quality is equal to the world.

B. DERHAM, Baker, Johnson street, opposite Store.

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MISSING.

SINCE HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK, P.M. on Wednesday, JOHN LINDSAY, son of Mr. Daniel Lindsay, Pandore Street, it is earnestly requested that any person who is in possession of the boy of that day or subsequently will at once communicate with his parents.

Friends and Masters of vessels about to leave this port are requested to have him in and capacity, nor receive him as passenger on board of their vessels.

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Age about 14 years, dark eyes and hair, pale complexion. Had on when he left home a dark striped jacket, brown mixed tweed coat, blue cloth cap and long outside top or snow boots.

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SANICH FLOUR MILL COMPANY.

THE FARMERS AND TRADES' ASSOCIATION of North and South Sanich, District, and all others interested in the erection of a Flour Mill at North Sanich, are requested to attend a meeting to be held at the Hotel, North Sanich, on THURSDAY, 25th January next.

By order, HENRY FRY, Secretary pro tem.

Victoria, 17th January, 1866.

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HOME AND COLONIAL Assurance Company, LIMITED.

FIRE & LIFE AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000, - Stg.

Head Office, 69 Cornhill, London.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED Agents of the above Company for Vancouver Island and British Columbia, we are now prepared to receive all kinds of Fire, Life, and Marine Insurance, and on Lives and Survivorships, at moderate rates.

Further information can be obtained at our office, Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

LOWE BROTHERS.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Groceries, FEED, &c. &c.

We are instructed to sell,

AT OUR ROOMS,

Fort Street near Wharf, ON LIBERAL TERMS.

100 bags No. 1 China Rice
25 kegs Sandwich Island Sugar, No. 2
20 barrels San Francisco Crushed Sugar
100 bags Bran
100 bags Middlings
50 bags Oats
25 kegs East Boston Syrup

—ALSO—

Under Constraint for Rent,

Removed from the house known as the Fort Street Chambers, Fort street,

3 boxes Wax Vests, in tins
Mattrasses, Bedstead, Rug Mats
Chairs, Washstand, &c. &c.

Daniel Scott & Co., Auctioneers.

AUCTION.

FRIDAY, Jan. 26th,

AT ONE O'CLOCK, SHARP,

We are instructed by the Sheriff to sell,

In front of the Police Barracks,

ALL THE

LANDS!

—IN—

VICTORIA DISTRICT,

In Arrears for Taxes,

YEARS 1863 and 1864.

We are also requested by the Sheriff to inform the public that no money will be received on account of said Lands after Thursday evening, at 4 o'clock.

The Lands to be sold are advertised in the Evening Post.

Daniel Scott & Co., Auctioneers.

NOW READY,

The Weekly Colonist,

Containing the fullest and most reliable news, local and foreign, mining, social, political, commercial and marine intelligence.

Price 25 cents. To be had at the news-paper office, or at the Booksellers.

REMOVAL.

PARLOR FOR TUNING AND RE-

PAIRING received at M. W. WAITT & CO's Book and Music Store, Government street, opposite the Bank of British Columbia.

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In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice, Vancouver Island.

In the matter of the assignment of George

Joseph Dasch and Mathias Becker.

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A DEED OF

assignment, bearing date the 29th day of

December, 1865, made by George Dasch and

Mathias Becker, purporting to convey all their

estate and effects to John Vogel and Isadore

Brennan, for the sum of their debts and

the said George Joseph Dasch and Mathias

Becker, was filed in this Court at the hour of

12 o'clock on Noon this day.

Dated this Thirtieth day of December,

1865. RICHARD WOODS,

Acting Registrar.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

To Miners & Shippers.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE

Birkenhead Dock or Wharf, LIVERPOOL,

have now completed their Copper Ore, Silver Ore,

